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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Charles A. Briggs
Inspector General

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Memorandum to the DCI, dated 15 June 1981 25X1

REFERENCE: A [REDACTED] Memorandum to the DCI and his draft article on the M-19 (Attached) 25X1

B. IG Memorandum to D/NFAC, dated 14 May 1981 (Attached).

1. In his 15 June 1981 memorandum to the DCI [REDACTED] takes issue with the thoroughness and independence of the IG investigation of his concerns and with the report's presentation of his views. 25X1

2. The IG report to D/NFAC was based on a ten-day investigation by two inspectors of [REDACTED] allegation of NFAC's suppression of intelligence. The inspectors interviewed knowledgeable Agency personnel and reviewed some of [REDACTED] written material in an effort to determine the facts of the case. In addition to discussions with [REDACTED] and OPLA senior management, interviews were conducted with [REDACTED] supervisors at the OPLA Branch and Division level, including the Deputy Division Chief who had been specifically charged with assisting [REDACTED] to improve his analytical and writing skills. Two other NFAC/NIC analysts were consulted because they were familiar with both the substance of the issue that bothered [REDACTED] (Cuban/M-19 connection) and his views thereon. In addition to reviewing [REDACTED] draft analytical papers, the inspectors also interviewed a senior OPLA analyst whose writing skills seminar for new analysts included [REDACTED]. To better understand the nature of the information available on the Cuban/M-19 connection, they consulted an informed Operations Directorate officer. 25X1

3. The principal judgments of those interviewed were consistent and, as follows:

-- [REDACTED] had difficulty in presenting the results of his research in a manner consistent with NFAC standards. 25X1

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-- His analysis was faulty in that it lacked objectivity and balance.

-- The early Cuban/M-19 connection lacked the unique qualities which would accord it special attention by OPLA.

? -- Colombia was not of priority policy-related interest which, in part, accounted for the minimal intelligence analysis on the M-19 group in the past.

? -- Until recently, there was little evidence in reporting to justify a serious analytical focus on the Cuban/M-19 connection.

-- The DO officer's account of the nature and quality of the information available on the M-19 and its Cuba connection matched that of the NFAC analysts. The DO officer's conclusions regarding the information were also similar to NFAC'S.

4. That [redacted] FAC supervisors had cause for concern regarding his analytical and writing abilities can be observed in the draft article on the M-19 which he attached to his memorandum to the DCI.

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6. The investigation of [redacted] complaint led us to conclude there was no willful suppression of intelligence by OPLA relating to the M-19 connection.

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Attachments:
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